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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/741,824 :
FILED: DECEMBER 22, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2874
FOR: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE :
GRATING TYPE OPTICAL
MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND
OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE CIRCUIT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, the following remarks traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection are presented:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are presently pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, In the outstanding Office Action the drawings were identified as being informal; Claims 1-5, 16-17, and 43-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Amersfoort et al. (U.S. Patent 5,629,992); and Claims 6-15, 18-42 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 18-22, and 30-42 of copending Application No. 10/067,943.